

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex  
January 29, 2016

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

**Members excused:** President Wayne L. Niederhauser

**Staff Present:** Ms. Allyson Goldstein, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Committee Secretary

**NOTE:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Millner relinquished the chair to Sen. Urquhart. Chair Urquhart called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

**S.B. 78      State Board of Education Candidate Selection    (*Sen. Millner*)**

Sen. Millner explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill:    Ms. Dorothy Bradford, mother

Spoke against the bill: Dr. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor, Utah Governor's Office  
Mr. Mark Thomas, Chief Deputy, Lt. Governor's Office  
Ms. Heather Gardner, citizen  
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Legislative Contact, Sutherland Institute  
Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to send SB 78 to the floor with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed 4-1, with Sen. Madsen and Sen. Stevenson absent. Sen. Dabakis voted in opposition.

Sen. Millner resumed the Chair.

**SCR006      Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Utah Educational Savings Plan (*Sen. Vickers*)**

Sen. Vickers explained the bill to the committee and an amendment as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 45 through 46:*

45 WHEREAS, the Utah Educational Savings Plan now has more than 300,000 accounts,  
46 with a total balance in excess of ~~(\$8.5)~~ \$8 billion;

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Lynne Ward, Executive Director, Utah Education Savings Plan

**MOTION:** Sen. Fillmore moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

**S.B. 0045 Compulsory Education Revisions (Sen. Jackson)**

Sen. Jackson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Elaine Augustine, parent  
Ms. Dorothy Bradford, mother  
Ms. Wendi Baggaley, mother  
Ms. Lacey Seegmiller, Student Intern, Utah Eagle Forum  
Mr. Josh Daniels, Policy Analyst, Libertas Institute  
Ms. Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Eagle Forum  
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Director of Public Affairs, Sutherland Institute  
Ms. Dani Hartvitzen, mother

Spoke against the bill: Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Acting Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education  
Mr. Chase Clyde, GR Director, Utah Education Association

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Dabakis voting in opposition.

**S.B. 0086 School Building Coordination (Sen. Jackson)**

Sen. Jackson explained the bill to the committee and proposed an amendment.

1. *Page 1, Lines 15 through 17:*

15 · the Department of Transportation; and  
16 · certain utility providers; ~~{and}~~  
▶ requires a school district or charter school to submit a child access routing plan to the Department of Transportation; and  
17 ▶ makes technical corrections.

2. *Page 2, Lines 37 through 43:*

37 telephone corporation that provides service or maintains infrastructure within the immediate  
38 area of the proposed site.

- 39 (b) (i) Representatives of the local governmental entity **{and}** , Department of  
40 Transportation, and the school district or  
41 charter school shall meet as soon as possible after the notification under Subsection (1)(a)  
42 takes  
43 place in order to:  
44 (A) subject to Subsection (1)(b)(ii), review information provided by the school  
45 district  
46 or charter school about the proposed acquisition;

*3. Page 3, Lines 82 through 83:*

- 82 acquire a school site or construct a school building, without first obtaining the consent of  
83 the  
84 district or charter school.

(5) Prior to beginning construction on a school site, a school district or charter school shall submit to the Department of Transportation a child access routing plan as described in Section 53A-3-402.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to accept amendment one. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent.

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Linda Hull, Policy and Legislative Services Director, Utah  
Department of Transportation

**MOTION:** Sen. Madsen moved to pass out the bill, as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent.

**H.B. 43 State Instructional Materials Commission Amendments (*Rep. Cutler*)**

Rep. Cutler explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Acting Superintendent, USOE

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Diana Suddreth, Director of Teaching and Learning, Utah Office of  
Education

**MOTION:** Sen. Moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent for the vote.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.